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January 2011 Prices Received

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January 2011 full-month crop prices were higher when compared with December 2010, according to USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service, Montana Field Office. Montana's winter wheat price increased \$0.04 to \$6.03 per bushel, spring wheat increased \$0.41 to \$6.85 per bushel and durum wheat increased \$0.56 to \$6.55 per bushel. Oats were \$2.62 per bushel for January 2011. Feed barley increased \$0.37 from the previous month to \$3.67 per bushel and malt barley increased \$0.10 to \$3.93 per bushel.

The mid-February price for alfalfa hay increased \$1.00 to \$78.00 per ton from January, but all other hay decreased \$3.00 to \$74.00 per ton. Mid-February grain prices were higher than January with winter wheat at \$8.28 per bushel, durum wheat was \$9.85 per bushel, spring wheat was \$10.00 per bushel, feed barley was \$4.16 per bushel, and malt barley was \$4.68 per bushel.

The all milk price was \$16.70 in January 2011, compared with \$17.40 in December 2010, and \$18.10 at mid-month February 2011. Publication has been discontinued for all other monthly state-level livestock prices.

Nationally, prices for January and changes from December were as follows: winter wheat was \$6.37 per bushel, down \$0.03, spring wheat was \$7.13 per bushel, up \$0.56, durum wheat was \$7.07 per bushel, up \$1.00, all barley was \$3.85 per bushel, up \$0.01, oats were \$3.11 per bushel, up \$0.15, steers and heifers were \$110.00 per cwt, up \$6.00, cows were \$65.00 per cwt, up \$9.90, beef cattle were \$107.00 per cwt, up \$8.90, calves were \$136.00 per cwt, up \$6.00, sheep were \$81.90 per cwt, up \$15.70, lambs were \$149.00 per cwt, up \$3.00 per cwt, and all milk was \$16.70 per cwt, unchanged.

The U.S. mid-February winter wheat price was \$8.13 per bushel, spring wheat was \$9.09 per bushel, durum wheat was \$9.39 per bushel, malt barley was \$4.40 per bushel, feed barley was \$4.17 per bushel, and oats were \$3.38 per bushel. Alfalfa hay was \$127.00 per ton and other hay was \$93.90 per ton. Steers and heifers were \$109.00 per cwt, cows were \$71.20 per cwt, beef cattle were \$106.00 per cwt, calves were \$136.00 per cwt, and all milk was \$18.40 per cwt.

The preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in February, at 168 percent, based on 1990-1992=100, increased 4 points (2.4 percent) from January. The Crop Index is up 12 points (6.5 percent) and the Livestock Index increased 4 points (2.9 percent). Producers received higher prices for corn, wheat, lettuce, and milk and lower prices for strawberries, cattle, broilers, and broccoli. In addition to prices, the overall index is also affected by the seasonal change based on a 3-year average mix of commodities producers sell. Increased monthly marketings of milk, cattle, broilers, and hogs offset decreased marketings of corn, soybeans, wheat, and cotton.

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Commodity	U N I T	Monthly Average				Change from Previous		Mid-Month Avg	
		Montana			U.S.	Month	Year	Montana	U.S.
		Jan 2010	Dec 2010	Jan 2011	Jan 2011	Dec 2010	Jan 2010	15-Feb-11	15-Feb-11
		Dollars							
Winter Wheat	Bu	5.11	5.99	6.03	6.37	+0.04	+0.92	8.28	8.13
Durum Wheat	Bu	5.02	5.99	6.55	7.07	+0.56	+1.53	9.85	9.39
Spring Wheat	Bu	6.03	6.44	6.85	7.13	+0.41	+0.82	10.00	9.09
All Wheat	Bu	5.47	6.18	6.44	6.71	+0.26	+0.97	9.18	8.56
All Barley	Bu	4.95	3.69	3.90	3.85	+0.21	-1.05	4.62	4.36
Feed Barley	Bu	2.35	3.30	3.67	3.43	+0.37	+1.32	4.16	4.17
Malt Barley	Bu	5.10	3.83	3.93	3.96	+0.10	-1.17	4.68	4.40
Oats	Bu	2.44	na	2.62	3.11	0.0	+0.18	na	3.38
Alfalfa Hay	Ton	92.00	76.00	77.00	121.00	+1.00	-15.00	78.00	127.00
All Other Hay	Ton	87.00	68.00	77.00	95.30	+9.00	-10.00	74.00	93.90
All Hay Baled	Ton	91.00	74.00	77.00	112.00	+3.00	-14.00	77.00	116.00
Steers & Heifers	Cwt	94.50	118.00	na	110.00	0.0	0.0	na	109.00
Cows	Cwt	45.40	54.70	na	65.00	0.0	0.0	na	71.20
Beef Cattle 1/	Cwt	79.30	95.80	na	107.00	0.0	0.0	na	106.00
Calves	Cwt	115.00	136.00	na	136.00	0.0	0.0	na	136.00
Sheep	Cwt	59.30	67.60	na	81.90	0.0	0.0	na	na
Lambs	Cwt	112.00	155.00	na	149.00	0.0	0.0	na	na
All Milk	Cwt	17.80	17.40	16.70	16.70	-0.70	-1.10	18.10	18.40

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